



Clinical Congress News

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At Convocation

Value of research extolled

"What I'd like to do tonight is to ask you to realize your vision, to look up and consider the stunning societal benefits that medicine in general, and surgery especially, have achieved, and to look at the promise that research will lead us to a new Jerusalem," James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the American College of Surgeons, said in his Presidential Address ("Contributions of Surgical Research to Patients and to Surgeons") last evening during Convocation ceremonies.

Dr. Thompson highlighted for the audience a handful of the most important contributions from surgical research during the last 50 years, such as cardiopulmonary bypass and the pioneering work of John Gibbon beginning in the 1930s.

He also cited transplantation, saying that "the possibility of exchanging new parts for old has intrigued humans from the beginning of time." He mentioned the "intrepidity" of surgeons such as Alexis Carrel, David Hume, Thomas Starzl, and Joseph Murray. Of this field, Dr. Thompson predicted that "particularly exciting is that future genetic engineering may make possible the DNA transformation of animal organs so they may not be rejected by humans."

Research has also been a boon to vascular surgery, which he said was

"out of bounds" until this century. One of the leaders in this field, Dr. Thompson said, is Dr. Michael DeBakey, who has been an advisor to five presidents, performed a coronary artery bypass on the Soviet Minister of Health in the 1970s, and has recently treated Boris Yeltsin.

Total parenteral nutrition is another field in which research made great strides, Dr. Thompson said. Prior to the work of such surgeons as Drs. Ravdin and Rhoads, patients "with the short gut syndrome, with peritonitis, with all sorts of postoperative complications, with sepsis in general, all might languish and die," he said.

Ground-breaking studies in the metabolic response to sepsis, trauma, and burn care began in the 1930s, Dr. Thompson said, when British surgeons called attention to the importance of preoperative repletion of food intake.

Strides in modern burn care, he said, have been fueled by such now well-known physicians as Drs. Blocker, Abston, Shires, Carrico, Pruitt, and Cerra, to name a few. Of Dr. Basil Pruitt, Dr. Thompson said he "has defined modern therapy of burns" through collaborative studies on burn patients involving intracellular signalling to skin grafting.

After 1950, Dr. Thompson said,

"things began to change as surgeons realized that the application of scientific methods could lead to clinical trials, through which results of various operations could be compared." And this, he said, was the cause agent in successful cancer trials. The area of cancer care most profoundly affected by trials has been breast cancer, he said, and he cited NIH-supported trials begun in 1971 by Dr. Bernie Fisher.

He told the audience about the College's clinical trials in cancer. The current trials, he said, are focusing on the sentinel node in breast cancer, markers in lung cancer, treatment of prostatic cancer, and TNF in limb melanoma.

Dr. Thompson then talked about the difficulty in allocating funding for investigator-initiated projects versus directed research, which is research aimed at the solution of a specific problem. Both areas have been successful, he said, but, "as business tightens its control, the temptation greatly increases to tell investigators exactly which paths to take, for example, in pharmaceutical research."

The final research field Dr. Thompson discussed was minimally invasive surgery, which "has probably changed your lives as much as any other single innovation." The first successful laparoscopic cholecystectomy was per-

formed by Eric Muhe in Germany in 1985, he said. In this country, he continued, it became the procedure of choice with "blinding rapidity" in the late 1980s.

Dr. Thompson reminded the audience that "most real advances in science have come from undirected basic research." He mentioned the simple, yet important, genetic studies of the monk Mendel, whose laboratory was an Austrian monastery's sweetpea garden. Traces of Mendel's foundational work, he said, are manifest today in amniocentesis and studies of families prone to breast cancer, colon polyposis, or other genetic defects.

After acknowledging surgery's debt to these and many more researchers, Dr. Thompson concluded his address by acknowledging his personal debt to his surgical mentors and colleagues, such as Scott Jones, Phil Rayford, Claude Organ, Seymour Schwartz, and Marshall Orloff, among many others.

"Raise up your eyes," Dr. Thompson told the audience, "and think of all the great innovations on the way in the next millenium."

The complete text of Dr. Thompson's Presidential Address will appear in the December issue of the *ACS Bulletin*, along with other Clinical Congress highlights.

Dr. Bender named ACS President-Elect

Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, of Nashville, TN, the retiring Chair of the ACS Board of Regents, was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon during the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates that took place in the Esplanade Ballroom of Moscone Center. Dr. Bender is professor of surgery and chairman of the department of cardiothoracic surgery at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Dr. Bender has served the College in numerous capacities since becoming a member in 1969. He has been a member of the Board of Regents since 1990, a member of its Executive Committee since 1992, and Chair of the Board since 1997. He has served as member of the Board of Governors and its Executive Committee, and is a Past President of the Tennessee Chapter of the College.

Dr. Bender earned a medical degree in 1959 from Baylor University College

of Medicine, Houston, TX. He continued his medical career at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, as a surgical intern (1959-1960), surgical assistant resident (1960-1961, 1963-1966), and assistant surgeon (1966-1967). He also served as senior assistant surgeon for the National Heart Institute from 1961 to 1963.

Dr. Bender was assistant professor of surgery (1967-1970) and associate professor of surgery (1970-1971) at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He assumed his current position of professor of surgery and chairman of the department of cardiothoracic surgery at Vanderbilt University in 1971.

He is on the editorial board of the *American Journal of Cardiology* and the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. Dr. Bender also holds membership in numerous medical societies, including the American Association for Thoracic Surgery,

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Dr. Bender and his wife, Doris

Claude Organ, Jr., receives Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons (ACS)—was presented to Claude H. Organ, Jr, MD, FACS, FCM (S Afr), FRACS, of Oakland, CA, yesterday afternoon during the College's Annual Meeting of Fellows. Throughout his notable career, Dr. Organ has been acknowledged as a surgical leader who is dedicated to his patients, to the community, and to advancing the science and skills of the surgical profession.

Since becoming a Fellow of the College in 1961, Dr. Organ has served the College in numerous capacities. He has been a member of the Commission on Cancer of the ACS since 1979, and has been a member of the College's International Relations Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Motion Pictures. A renowned surgical educator, Dr. Organ has presented at the College's Opening Ceremony Lecture on two occasions—1987 and 1995. At the local level, he has served as a member of the Credentials Committee of the Nebraska and Oklahoma Chapters, and

as a member of the Executive Committee of the Northern California Chapter.

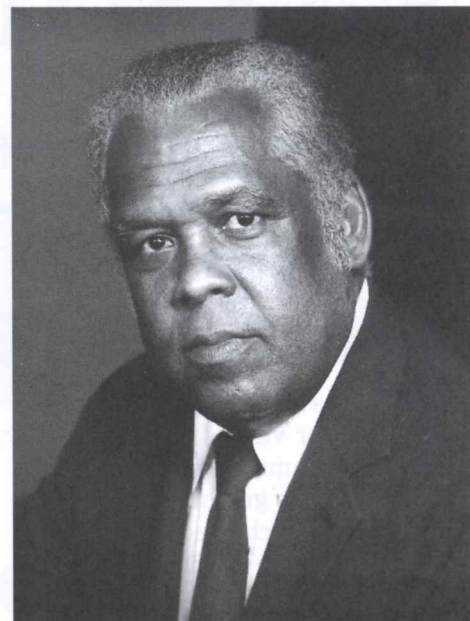
In presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Organ, the Board of Regents highly commends him for his dedicated service to the ACS Commission on Cancer and the International Relations Committee; for his leadership in the field of organized surgery; for his editorial contributions to peer-reviewed journals; for his acts of citizenship and dedicated service to a variety of civic organizations; and for his contributions as a mentor and role model for countless young men and women.

A 1952 graduate of Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE, Dr. Organ served in the United States Naval Reserves as Lieutenant Commander MC and as director of dependant surgery services at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, CA, from 1957 to 1959. Today, he serves as chair of the surgery residency program and as a professor in the department of surgery at the University of California, Davis-East Bay.

Dr. Organ has held many leadership

positions in organized surgery. He served as chairman of the American Board of Surgery (1984-1986); president of the Southwestern Surgical Congress (1984-1985); and president of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons. He has also served as a member of the Residency Review Committee for Surgery; and the National Board of Medical Examiners Surgery Test Committee. In addition, Dr. Organ has served as the editor of *Archives of Surgery* and as a member of the editorial boards of several other journals, including the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), *Oncology Times*, and *The Pharos*. He has presented numerous lectures on a variety of topics and has had a lecture created in his name: the Annual Claude H. Organ, Jr. Lecture of the Southwestern Surgical Congress.

Furthermore, Dr. Organ has made admirable contributions outside of organized surgery to many civic and educational institutions: including his service on the board of directors of Boystown, Inc; as president of Urban Housing Foundations; and as a trustee



Dr. Organ

for Meharry Medical College and Howard University.

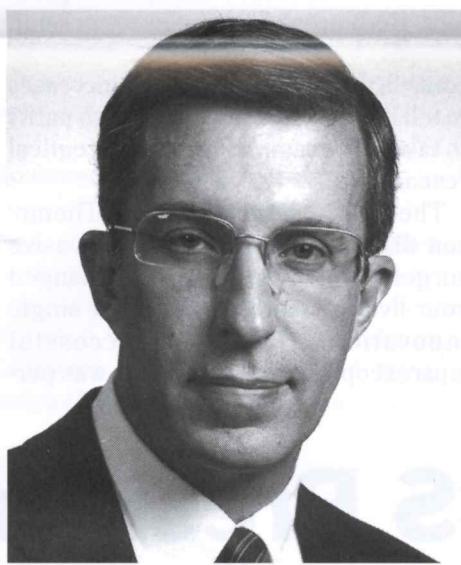
The College's Board of Regents is pleased to recognize Dr. Organ's outstanding contributions by naming him the 1999 recipient of its highest honor.

DR. BENDER, from page 1

the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, the American Surgical Association, the Halsted Society, the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the Southern Surgical Association.

In other actions taken yesterday, the Fellows named Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI, as First Vice-President-Elect, and LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., MD, FACS, Atlanta, GA, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

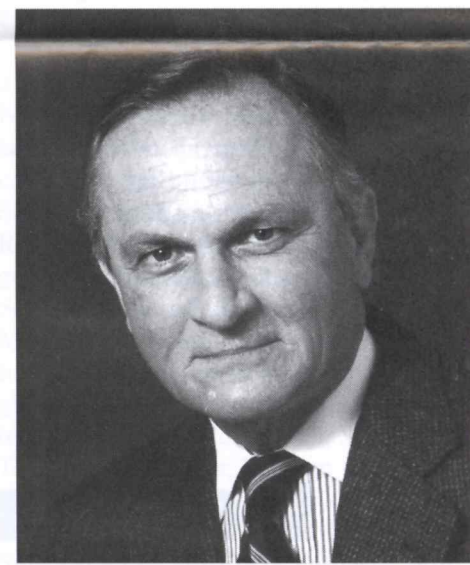
Dr. Greenfield is Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chairman of the department of surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has served as a member of the ACS Com-



Dr. Greenfield

mittee on Operating Room Environment, the Committee on Development, and the Governors' Committee on Physicians' Health.

Dr. McGinnis is the medical director of the Eberhart Cancer Center at DeKalb Medical Center, Atlanta, GA. He has been a member of the ACS Board of Governors and chaired several B/G committees, including the Chapter Activities Committee, the Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals and its Subcommittee on AIDS, and the Nominating Committee. Dr. McGinnis is also the 1998 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor accorded by the American College of Surgeons.



Dr. McGinnis

Trauma and Critical Care 2000 - Point/Counterpoint - XIX

Trauma and Critical Care 2000 - Point/Counterpoint - XIX will convene at the Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ, on May 22-24, 2000. This continuing education program, now in its 19th year, brings together an outstanding faculty of nationally recognized authorities to discuss and debate the latest developments in the care of the acutely injured patient. The focus of the year 2000 program includes, among other interesting topics, damage control concepts and techniques, pediatric trauma, advances in intensive care and "how I do it" sessions from the faculty. Difficult case management scenarios will challenge the experts. CME credit will include pediatric trauma specific credit hours.

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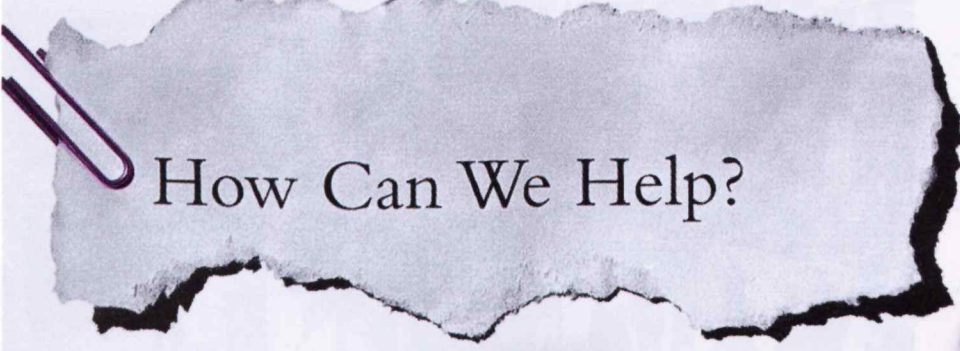
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Allied Meetings

Friday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Executive Bd Rm,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Afternoon

COST Study Group
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra F, Floor Five

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Executive Bd Rm,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons -
Pre Agenda Meeting**
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 4,
Floor Four, Building 3

Evening

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons -
Executive Council**
5:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 5,
Floor Four, Building 3

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons -
Executive Council**
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dinner
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 6,
Floor Four, Building 3

Saturday

Morning

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons -
Executive Council**
7:30 am - 12:00 pm. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan A,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3



Throughout the Clinical Congress, the Technical Exhibit area bustled with surgeons checking out the latest products.

Trauma & Critical Care 2000

The Las Vegas Trauma & Critical Care continuing medical education course is the longest running and best attended regional trauma course in the world and is now in its 35th year. Course directors and faculty are selected primarily from the American College of Surgeons' Western States Committees on Trauma. Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, FACS, has been the course director for the past six years.

Trauma & Critical Care 2000 promises to be another record setting program, with continuing educational innovations for the more than 1,000 annual attendees. The faculty continue to be among the world's most recognized trauma surgeons. Faculty include Jon M. Burch, MD, FACS, John Fildes, MD, FACS, David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD, FACS, M. Margaret Knudson, MD, FACS, Frank R. Lewis, MD, FACS, Robert C. Mackersie, MD, FACS, Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, FACS, Kimball I. Maull, MD, FACS, Norman E. McSwain, MD, FACS, David Persse, MD, FACEP, Salvatore Sclafani, MD, FACR, G. Tom Shires, MD, FACS, R. Stephen Smith, MD, FACS, Erwin R. Thal, MD, FACS, Donald D. Trunkey, MD, FACS, Matthew J. Wall, MD, FACS, and David H. Wisner, MD, FACS, among others.

The theme of Trauma & Critical Care 2000 is "Trauma 2000: Facts, Myths, Future Directions." The program will encompass trauma issues that regularly confront the trauma team. We will again dedicate a portion of the program to pediatric trauma and medical ethics. Several sessions, including the case management sessions, practice oriented breakfast sessions, and the rapid-fire end of conference summary of all presentations, are repeatedly mandated by the registrants in the course evaluations.

In recognition of his many years as program director, we have created a new named session, The Henry Cleveland Forum on Contemporary Problems in Trauma. Other major sessions include:

- Hot Trauma Topics of 1999/2000
- Why I Changed "How I Do It" - Practical Lessons in Trauma Care
- Annual Trauma Literature Review
- Managing Patients With Special Trauma Problems
- Two trauma case management sessions
- Disaster Management 101 - Practical Lessons Learned From Personal Experiences
- Difficult Management Problems
- Critical Trauma/ Critical Care Treatment
- Annual Leadership Perspective from the President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma
- 20 succinct status updates on key trauma issues at century's end
- Breakfast Session - The Continuing Evolution of Fluid Resuscitation
- Annual Trauma Debate - Observation vs Operation for GSW to abdomen
- Ethical Issues in Trauma Care
- Summary of Lessons Learned

This conference is a *must* for surgeons caring for trauma patients, and all members of the trauma team can benefit from the educational material presented. Early registration and hotel reservations are strongly recommended. Since the course has been fully subscribed prior to the meeting for the past two years, on-site or even late registration may not be possible.

For additional information, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.Trauma-Criticalcare.com>. You may also request specific information by contacting our e-mail address: redstart@aol.com.

Program Changes

Scientific Exhibitor Booth Changes and Additions

SE 322-Six Years Experience with an Itinerant Surgical Program in Central Mexico. Miguel Lopez, MD; Arturo Rivas, MD; Severino Rodriguez, MD; Armando Hernandez, MD; Maria del Carmen Barradas, MD, FACS. *Secretaria de Salud en el Estado de Puebla, Mexico.*

SE 125-Case Report: Biliary Obstruction from Mesenteric Panniculitis. Samira Y. Khera, MD, MS; Rod Mateo, MD; Adam Slivka, MD; Kevin Horn, MD; Ken Lee, MD; Kareem M. Abu-Elmagd, MD. *Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Research, Guthrie Clinic/Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA, and the Department of Liver Transplantation, Hepatology, Pathology, General Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA.*

SE 262-Anticoagulation After IVC Filters: Is It Essential? Narendra A. Kumthekar, MD, FRCS; Narayan B. Pai, MD, FACS; Mahalingam Sivakumar, MD, FRCS. *Department of Surgery, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY.*

SE 248-A True Aneurysm of the Dorsalis Pedis Artery. Narendra A. Kumthekar, MD, FRCS; Narayan B. Pai, MD, FACS; Ranganath Pathak, MD, FRCS; Mahalingam Sivakumar, MD, FRCS. *Department of Surgery, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY.*

SE 118-Does the Size of the Ventilator Tidal Volume Affect the Incidence of Post Operative Pneumonia? Samuel K. Appavu, MD, FACS; Theodore R. Haley, MD, FACS; Arjang Khorasani, MD; Subhash R. Patel, MD, FACS. *Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL.*

SE 163-Prolonged Neuromuscular Blockade in the ICU: Pharmacology, Monitoring and Complications. Samuel K. Appavu, MD, FACS; Theodore R. Haley, MD, FACS; Arjang Khorasani, MD; Subhash R. Patel, MD, FACS. *Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL.*

SE 246-A Decade of Experience with Abdominal Aorta Aneurysm Repair in Octogenarians. Arshad Yousuf, MD, FRCSed, FRCS (Glasgow); Ravindra Mailapur MD, FRCSed; Renato Berroya, MD, FACS; Paul H. Gerst, MD, FACS. *Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY*

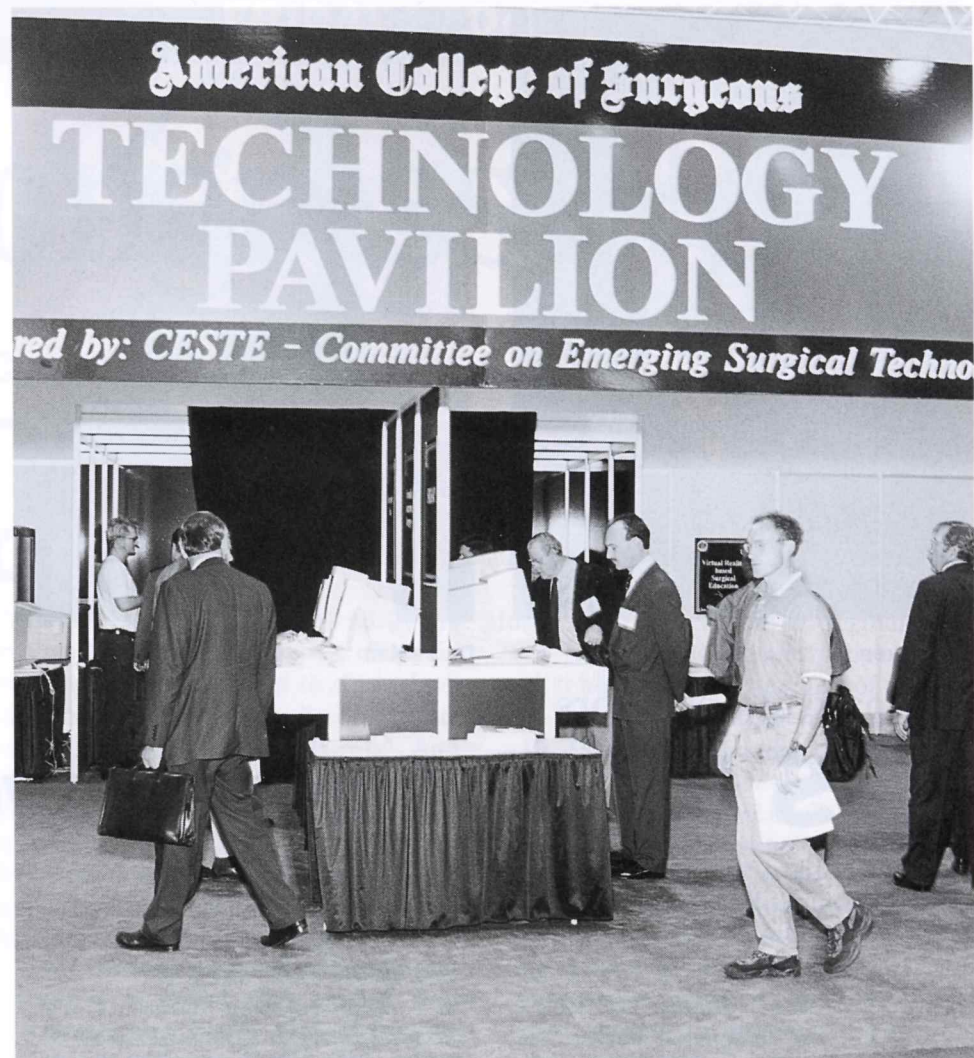
SE 312-Histoplasmosis of the Small Bowel in Patients with AIDS. Arshad Yousuf, MD, FRCSed, FRCS (Glasgow); Milton A. Gumbs, MD, FACS; Hanasoge T. Girishkumar, MD, FACS; Leo Levy, MD; Myank Patel, MD; Vijay Narasimha, MD. *Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY*

SE 206-Amphotericin B-resistant and Torilopsin-Resistant Candida Glabrata Infection in a Patient with Metastatic Colon Cancer. Arshad Yousuf, MD, FRCSed, FRCS (Glasgow); Milton A. Gumbs, MD, FACS; Rakesh Safaya, MD; Chidambaram Raman, MD, FRCS; Edward Geisler, MD. *Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY*



Since 1955, Jim Henry, Inc., has offered Fellows of the College an array of official ACS ties, jewelry, and other items of ACS indicia from his family-run business. Pictured above are (left to right) Jeffrey Henry and Jim Henry, Sr.

For those Fellows who were unable to stop by the Jim Henry booth at the convention, the company may be contacted at: Jim Henry, Inc., 435 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174; tel. 630/584-6500.



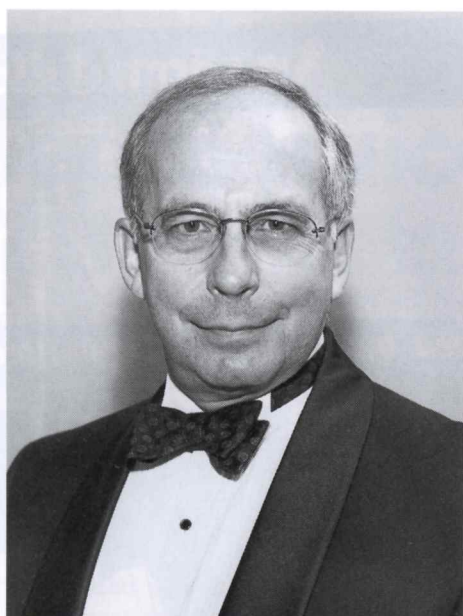
The Technology Pavilion. This exhibit was sponsored by the ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education and featured "The Next Generation of Computing for Surgical Education" and the "Virtual Reality in Medicine Laboratory."



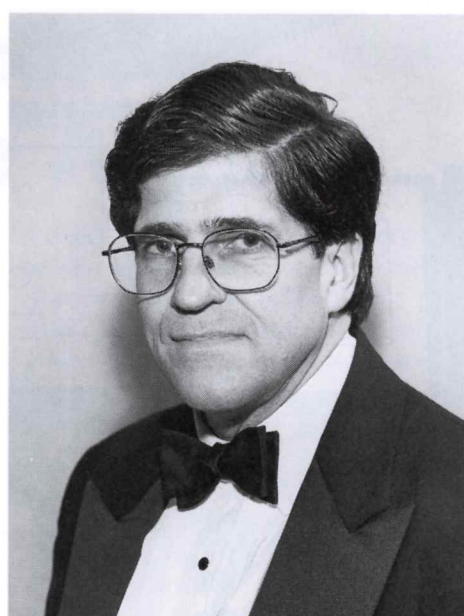
Members of the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Subcommittee of the Committee on Trauma met last Saturday at the Fifth International ATLS meeting. ATLS members from six continents participated, and are shown above.



Dr. Harken



Dr. Fabian



Dr. Hubbard



Dr. Mulder

By Board of Governors

ACS Regent and Governors named

The ACS Board of Governors has elected Alden H. Harken, MD, FACS, as a Regent of the College.

Dr. Harken, a cardiothoracic surgeon, is professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Colorado, Denver. He has been a Fellow since 1978, and has served on the Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee (1982-1985), Executive Committee of the Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee (1984-1987), the Committee on Young Surgeons (1983-1986), and the Committee on Continuing Education (1987-1990).

Reelected to additional three-year terms as Regents were Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS, Margaret F. Longo, MD, FACS, Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FACS, and Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS.

The Board of Governors elected Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS, to a one-year term as Chair, and J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS, to a one-year term as Vice-Chair. The Governors reelected William F. Sasser, MD, FACS, to another one-year term as Secretary.

In other actions, the Board of Governors named Sylvia Campbell to a second two-year term on the Executive Committee. The Board also named Timothy C. Fabian, MD, FACS, G. Wilkins Hubbard II, MD, FACS, and David S. Mulder, MD, FACS, to initial two-year terms on the Executive Committee. Dr. Fabian is professor and acting chair, department of surgery, University of Tennessee, Memphis. Dr. Hubbard is assistant professor of surgery, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA. Dr. Mulder is H. R. Robertson Professor of Surgery, McGill University, Montreal, QB.

In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

1999-2002 (unless otherwise noted) Paul Petelin, Arizona (two-year unexpired term); Larry Lawson, Arkansas; Constantine Michas, California; Sean Mulvihill, California; Harry Applebaum, California (one-year unexpired term); Samuel Wilson, California; Sylvia

Campbell, Florida; Carlos A. Suarez, Florida; Harry Sherman, Georgia; Philip Siegert, Illinois; Lester Johnson, Louisiana; William Scovill, Maryland; Parvis Sadighi, Massachusetts; Larry Lloyd, Michigan; Anna Ledgerwood, Michigan; Richard Geier, Minnesota; Michael Bukstein, Missouri; Paul LoVerme, New Jersey; Albert Frankel, New Jersey; Richard MacDowell, New York; Jose Marti, New York; Philip Aliotta, New York; Peter Campione, New York; Ira Friedman, New York; William Stubenbord, New York; Ezra Steiger, Ohio; Peter Noyes, Oregon; Frederick Beyer III, Pennsylvania; John LaManna, Pennsylvania; Forrest Mischler, Pennsylvania; Bradford Thompson, Pennsylvania; Jonas Johnson, Pennsylvania; Daniel Dempsey, Pennsylvania; Jeffrey Saffle, Utah; Martin Wennar, Vermont; Wilkins Hubbard II, Virginia; Michael Hart, Washington; Paul Fox, Wisconsin; and Jan Sundin, Nova Scotia.

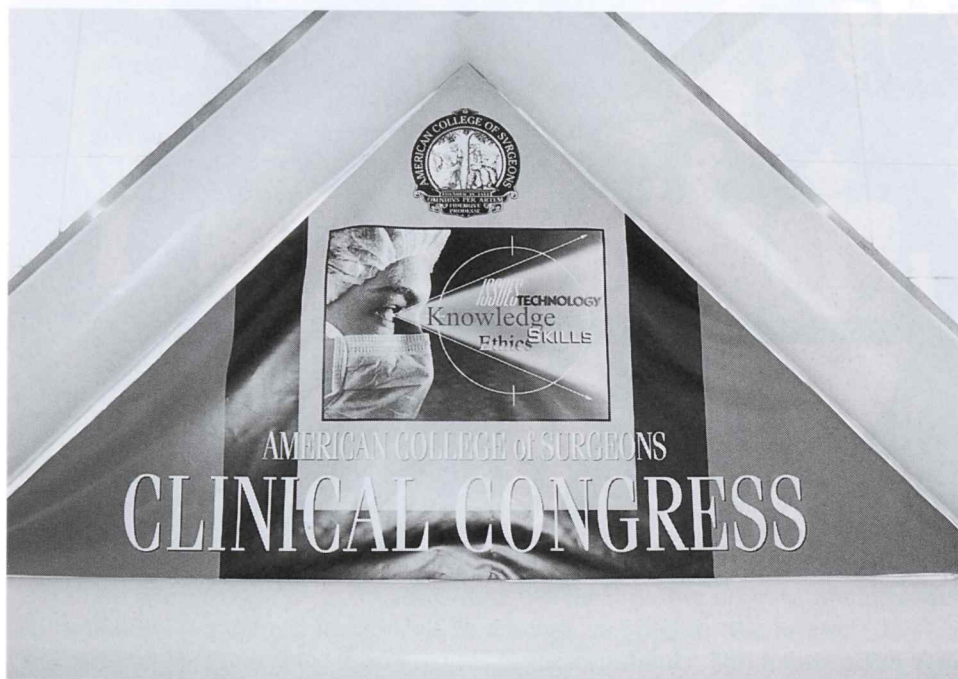
Specialty Governors

Martin Resnick, American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons; Kenneth Musson, American Academy of Ophthalmology; Lawrence Bone, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; Edward Luce, American Association of Plastic Surgeons; Alex Little, American Association for Thoracic Surgery; William Hoskins, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Beth Karlan, American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society; Kevin Robbins, American Head and Neck Society; Leonard Randolph, Department of the Air Force; Robert Ossoff, American Laryngological Association; Mark Belsky, American Orthopaedic Association; Richard Wiet, American Otological Society; Jeffrey Norton, American Surgical Association; Gustavo Colon, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic

Surgery (two-year unexpired term); John Halverson, American Society for Bariatric Surgery; Ira Kodner, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons; Ajit Sachdeva, Association for Surgical Education; Alan Seyfer, American Society for Surgery of the Hand (one-year unexpired term); Terrence Malloy, American Urological Association; Stephen Cruikshank, Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (one-year unexpired term); Issam Awad, Congress of Neurological Surgeons; Henry Buchwald, Central Surgical Association; Michael Belkin, International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery; Francis Moore, New England Surgical Society; Eric Jamieson, North Pacific Surgical Association; William Traverso, Pacific Coast Surgical Association; David Mulder, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Richard Morawetz, Society of Neurological Surgeons; John McDonald, Southern Surgical Association; Courtney Townsend, Southern Surgical Association (one-year unexpired term); Harold Urschel, Jr., Society of Thoracic Surgeons; William Cioffi, Society of University Surgeons (one-year unexpired term); Charles McCollum, Southwestern Surgical Congress; William McGuirt, The Triological Society; and Jack Pickleman, Western Surgical Association.

International Governors

Joseph DeRoos, Belgium; Erix Bozon Martinez, Colombia; Oscar Leal M, Guatemala; Howard Spencer, Jamaica; Ali Raad, Lebanon; Octavio Ruiz-Speare, Mexico; Naim Rahman, Pakistan; George Eufemio, Philippines; Adnan Merdad, Saudi Arabia; Salvador Sancho-Fornos, Spain (one-year unexpired term); and Cemalettin Topuzlu, Turkey.



See you in Chicago!

As this meeting ends, plans are already under way for the first Clinical Congress of the 21st century, to be held in Chicago, Oct. 22-27, 2000. On the behalf of the College officers and staff, we look forward to seeing you there.

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 17,411, 8,918 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.